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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision in the Final Office Action mailed January 22, 2003, rejecting Claims 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15. An Appeal Brief will be filed within two months of the filing date of this notice.

Attached herewith is the appropriate filing fee in the amount of \$160.00 as specified in 37

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